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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aircraft Portable Megaphones

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request comments on proposed technical standard order (TSO) pertaining to aircraft portable megaphones. The proposed TSO prescribes the minimum performance standards that aircraft portable megaphones must meet to be identified with the marking "TSO-C137."

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments must be received on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C137, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments must identify the TSO file number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Technical Program and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, FAX No. (202) 267-5340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address. Comments received on the proposed technical standard order may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays

except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

Proposed TSO-C137 establishes the basic requirements for the design and performance of aircraft portable megaphones.

This TSO was designed with the intent of being used predominately in transport category air carrier operations. However, the proposed TSO will be suitable for any aircraft application.

The proposed TSO references the SAE AS 4950 "Design and Performance Criteria for Transport Aircraft Portable megaphones." The TSO also references RTCA Document Number DO-160D which sets forth the environmental test standards for articles manufactured under this TSO. Compliance with this TSO is predicated, in part, on meeting the standards set forth in these documents, with the exception of certain requirements in SAE AS 4950. Specifically, this TSO substitutes different data requirements that the manufacturer must have available for FAA review for those that appear in SAE AS 4950.

In addition to marking requirements specified in 14 CFR 21.607(d), each separate component that is easily removable (without hand tools), an interchangeable element, or a separate sub-assembly of the article must be permanently and legibly marked with at least the name of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's part number, and the TSO number. This TSO also permits optional marking to denote aircraft-specific installation limitations on the article. These exceptions to SAE AS 4950 are detailed in Appendix 1 of this TSO.

How to Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO-C137, may be obtained via Internet (<http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/100home.htm>) or on request from the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Copies of Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc. (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) AS 4950 may be purchased from the SAE Inc., Department 331, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001. Copies of RTCA, Inc. Document No. 160D, "Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment," dated July 29, 1997 may be purchased from the RTCA, Inc., 1140

Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Emergency Evacuation Slides, Ramps, and Slide/Raft Combinations

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request comments on proposed technical standard orders (TSO's) pertaining to emergency evacuation slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations. The proposed TSO's prescribe the minimum performance standards that emergency evacuation slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations must meet to be identified with the marking "TSO-C69c."

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments must be received on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C69c, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments must identify the TSO file number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Technical Program and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, FAX No. (202) 267-5340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address. Comments received on the proposed

technical standard order may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

Proposed TSO-C69c sets forth the basic requirements for the design and performance of emergency slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations. The changes to this TSO include the addition of specific revisions to the requirements and tests for beam strength, attachment means, evacuation rate conditions, dark of night usability rate, and hot and cold soak. This revision also adds requirements for testing to ensure particular wind loading directions are added for devices which do not deploy perpendicular to the aircraft center line. In addition, Appendices 2 through 4 were added to include standardized definitions used in the TSO, described data collection procedures, and provide a detailed summary of changes contained in this latest TSO revision, respectively. The TSO has been reformatted. In addition, this revision incorporates two NTSB safety recommendations A-88-106 and A-88-107 which calls for improvements to the construction and placarding of manual inflation handles and disconnect means.

In addition to the requirements of 14 CFR 21.607(d), each separate component that is easily removable (without hand tools), an interchangeable element, or a separate sub-assembly of the article must be permanently and legibly marked with at least the name of the manufacturer, manufacturer's past number, and the TSO number.

How to Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO-C69c, may be obtained via Internet (<http://www.faa.gov/avr/air100home.htm>) or on request from the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Federal Aviation Administration Standards for Emergency Evacuation Slides, Ramps, and Slide/Raft Combinations may be obtained at the FAA Headquarters in the Aircraft Engineering Division (AIR-120), and all Aircraft Certification Offices (ACO's).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Commission to Study Capital Budgeting

AGENCY: Advisory Commission to the President of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the next meetings of the Commission to Study Capital Budgeting includes briefings and the hearing of testimony on capital budgeting issues on Friday, January 30. On Saturday morning, January 31, the Commission will review draft materials related to capital budgeting prepared by its staff and then continue discussions on capital budgeting as time permits. Meetings are open to the public. Limited seating capacity is available.

Dates, Times and Places of the Next Commission Meetings

January 30, 1998, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Senate Budget Committee Hearing Room, Room 608, Dirksen Senate Office Building, First and C Streets, NE, Washington, DC 20510.

January 31, 1998, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
White House Conference Center, Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

The Commission is seeking all views on capital budgeting. Interested parties may submit their views to: Barry Anderson, Executive Director, President's Commission to Study Capital Budgeting, Old Executive Office Building (Room 258), Washington, DC 20503. Voice: (202) 395-4630; Fax: (202) 395-6170; E-Mail: capital_budget@oa.eop.gov; Website: To be announced.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. William Dinkelacker, Room 4456, Main Treasury, Washington, DC 20220. Voice: (202) 622-1285; Fax: (202) 622-1294; E-Mail: william.dinkelacker@treas.sprint.com.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of Thrift Supervision

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, OTS, Board, and FDIC (Agencies) as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed revisions to a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35), the Agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Currently, the Agencies are soliciting comments regarding an information collection concerning certain corporate changes. The information collection is titled: Interagency Bank Merger Act Application. In the case of the OCC, this collection is a part of the Comptroller's Corporate Manual. Additionally, the OCC is making other clarifying changes to the Comptroller's Corporate Manual.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct written comments as follows:

OCC: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Third Floor, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219; Attention: 1557-0014. Comments also may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to: regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. Comments will be available for inspection and photocopying at the OCC's Public Reference Room, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., on business